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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS - MESSAGE FOR ITALIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO ITALIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER

AFTER MONTHS OF PREPARATION AND TEN DAYS OF VERY TOUGH
NEGOTIATIONS, I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN
ASSISTING THE PARTIES AT THEIR REQUEST, HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
CONCLUDED. AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM IS TO BE INITIALLED
TODAY AND SIGNED LATER IN THE WEEK IN GENEVA. REPRES-
ENTATIVES OF THE TWO PARTIES WILL THEN WORK OUT IN THE

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MILITARY WORKING GROUP OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE A PROTOCOL

FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, UPON SIGNATURE OF WHICH LATER IN SEPTEMBER THE AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO EFFECT. THE AGREEMENT IN ALL ITS DETAILS IS EXCEEDINGLY COMPLICATED, AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE PUBLISHED TEXTS WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED. I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO

DISCUSS IT AND THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION GENERALLY WITH YOU IN DETAIL WHEN WE NEXT MEET, AND WILL LIMIT MYSELF HERE TO AN OUTLINE OF THE MAIN ELEMENTS. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI PASSESS AND OIL FIELDS, AND BOTH PARTIES AGREE NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE AND TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338. THEY HAVE ALSO AGREED TO A PROPOSAL, WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY OUR CONGRESS, WHEREBY THEY WILL ENTRUST TO THE US AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE AREA OF THE SINAI PASSES. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE AVAILABLE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL NOT TO EXCEED 200 IN NUMBER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTION TO REMAIN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS, HOWEVER DIFFICULT THAT MAY BE. OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRE NOTHING LESS.

I DO NOT NEED TO TELL YOU THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE OBJECTIVE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND DESPITE SOME RECENT DIFFICULTIES AT HOME, I BELIEVE WE SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE BROAD SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS. IT IS MY HOPE AND BELIEF THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL HAVE A POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL IMPACT ON ATTITUDES BOTH IN AMERICA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WILL CONTRIBUTE MEASURABLY TO GENERATING NEW MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE.

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WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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